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SUBJECT: FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS OVER AEGEAN, NOTAM 714

REF: (A) STATE 10281; (B) STATE 10485

1. DURING CALL JANUARY 17 BY EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON,
MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR SOYLEMEZ (WHOSE
OFFICE HANDLES AEGEAN ISSUES) OUTLINED TURKEY'S POSITION ON
AEGEAN FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES BECAME
UNSETTLED, TURKEY DECLARED A "DANGER ZONE" THROUGH WHICH
AIRCRAFT CAN PASS IF THEY COMPLY WITH POSITION REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, CLOSURE OF AIR SPACE OVER AEGEAN WAS
GREEK DECISION.

B. TURKISH DANGER ZONE REMAINS WITHIN ATHENS FIR
AND DOES NOT IMPLY TURKISH TERRITORIAL CLAIM.

C. LIFTING OF TURKISY DANGER ZONE WOULD BE RELATED
TO RELAXATION OF TURKISH-GREEK TENSION IN AREA.

2. SOYLEMEZ VOICED PESSIMISM AS TO POSSIBILITY THAT
GREECE WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT
OF AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND RELATED ISSUES. HE
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SPECULATED THAT IF NEGOTIATIONS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE ONE

RECOURSE MIGHT BE TO TAKE CASE TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF
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